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17 APR 1950

The Honorable  
James E. Webb  
Under Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Webb:

This is in reference to your letter of 27 March 1950 regarding studies of world-wide communications requirements now being conducted by the Department of State.

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In connection with this matter we have informally received a copy of a memorandum dated 27 February 1950 [redacted] subject "Proposed Study of the Department of State Telegraphic Communications Requirement." Appended to this memorandum is an "Index of Work Projects" listing those subjects which the Department is currently examining. Also attached to this memorandum are brief descriptions of work projects A-1 and A-3.

After examining the Index, we find that our interests extend to others than the two cited above. In particular, items B-2, B-3, B-4, E-1 and E-2 possess a high degree of interest. [redacted] makes projects D-1 and D-2 of vital interest to us also. In addition to these items, this Agency, by the very nature of its responsibilities, has a general interest in projects A-2, A-4, A-5 and F-1.

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I cannot help but feel that the activities of this Agency in [redacted] could be seriously jeopardized through lack of close coordination with the communications policies and plans of the Department. In all likelihood this coordination can be most efficiently achieved by participation of members of our Communications Division in the working groups of the Department that are concerned with these studies. Thus the benefit of their experience with the activities of this Agency would be made available to the Department continuously during the course of these studies.

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I will therefore greatly appreciate your scheduling a meeting between officers of the Department who are aware of the policy implications of our interest, and representatives of this Agency. I am convinced that such a conference will be most effective if sponsored by your office.

Sincerely yours,

*- Dispatched via ER  
signed sealed 4/17/50 to  
deliver direct to*

R. M. HILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

*Mr. Sheppard.*

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